



“Governing Smarter, Safer and Stronger”

In what has been referred to as challenging economic times over concern that the U.S. economy will slide into recession, Harford County’s economic outlook remains financially strong and stable. Sound financial management practices and the use of strategic planning and communication during the past three budget cycles have enabled County Executive David Craig to adequately fund facilities, programs, and resources that focus his Administrative Initiatives: Public Safety, Efficiency in Government, Economic Opportunity, Environmental Stewardship, and Quality Living for Harford County citizens in Fiscal Year 2009.

PUBLIC SAFETY

“Ensuring a Safe Harford”

- Ten new Sheriff’s Deputy positions
- 10% increase to Volunteer Fire Companies
- 15% in County support to the Emergency Medical Services Foundation
- Design funds to renovate & expand Emergency Operation Center
- Improve communications system to allow for interoperability
- Construction funding for new Southern Precinct
- Construction funds to expand the Detention Center
- 20% increase in police aid to municipalities
- \$100,000 for anti-gang and crime programs



County Executive Craig announces Edgewood Public Safety Initiatives.



Discussing priorities with members of the Whiteford Volunteer Fire Company.

EDUCATION

“Preparing Now, Building for the Future”

- \$11.3 million **new** dollars for Board of Education operating budget
- Proposed wage package of a Step & 3% COLA for all eligible teachers
- Proposed wage package of a Step & 3% COLA for all eligible non-teaching positions
- Funding for magnet program teachers for Homeland Security Program at Joppatowne High School, Baccalaureate Program at Edgewood High School, and Natural and Agricultural Science Program at North Harford High School.
- \$121.9 million for 24 planned school construction/renovation projects to include:
 - ♦ Bel Air and Edgewood High School replacements
 - ♦ Joppatowne Elementary and Deerfield Elementary modernization funding
 - ♦ Vale Road Elementary School construction funding
 - ♦ Shucks Road School construction funding
- \$1 million increase to Harford Community College operating funds
- Renovation and expansion of Aberdeen Hall at Harford Community College



Construction of the all new Bel Air High School.

EFFICIENCY IN GOVERNMENT

“Governing Smarter”

- Appointed a Commission on Efficiency and Economy in Government
- Limiting travel and training costs allocated for County employees
- Limiting the use and standardizing the maintenance of County owned vehicles
- Reduced operating costs through competitive bidding process



A plan has been developed to rewrite Harford County's 25 year old zoning code.

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

“Growing and Sustaining Harford’s Prosperity”



County Executive Craig speaks at the rededication of the newly renovated Harford Mall.



A wide array of local agricultural products at a Harford County farm market.

- Funding study to create Agriculture Resource and Equine Center
- Creation of a Harford County “Buy Local” campaign
- Enhanced Opportunity Loan Fund in Office of Economic Development
- Created Economic Development Tourism Advisory Board
- Reduced tax burden on Harford’s citizens:
 - ◆ Reduction of property tax cap by 10%
 - ◆ Increased homeowner’s property tax credit for Harford’s most needy citizens
 - ◆ Increased property tax credit for farms in preservation

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

“Protecting Our Environment”

- Funding for closure and restoration of Spencers Landfill
- Funding Rehabilitation of Friends Pond
- Supporting Renovation of Tydings Island
- Continued support for reforestation and stream buffer projects
- Funding to support agricultural preservation of 800 to 1,000 additional acres



Hundreds of trees are planted as part of a stream buffer project.

QUALITY LIVING

“Safeguarding What is Important to Harford County Citizens”

- **Expanded Parks and Recreation opportunities:**

- Nuttall Avenue Park
- Willoughby Beach Park and Boat Launch
- New Fallston Senior Recreation Center
- Churchville Recreation Complex Expansion
- Darlington Park
- \$3.9 million in athletic field improvements
- Expansion of turf field program:
 - Harford Technical High School
 - Cedar Lane sports complex
- Deepening of Swan Creek and Joppatowne boating channels

- Expansion of Abingdon Water Treatment Plant
- \$16.6 million for local bridge and roadway improvements
- \$8.3 million for expansions and improvements to the Harford County Public Library system
- Over \$700,000 in grant support for cultural organizations



County Executive Craig dedicates a new playground.



New Harford Transit bus routes announced in the Town of Bel Air.



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“Preserving Harford’s past; promoting Harford’s future”